

**BALDWIN COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE – FULL BODY
MINUTES**

JULY 21, 2022

**BALDWIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
UPSTAIRS TRAINING ROOM
ROBERTSDALE, ALABAMA**

Hybrid Meeting with Physical and Telepresence Options

ATTENDANCE

Members present (Via WebEx) Josh Newman (City of Daphne), Ryan Frolik (East Central Baldwin Water Authority), Erik Cortinas (City of Fairhope), Jenny Kilpatrick (ADPH)

Members present: Danon Smith (BCEMA / HMPC Secretary), Vernon Dandridge (Planning & Grants Mgr. BCEMA) Eddie Culpepper (Consultant), Nicole Warner (City of Orange Beach), Michelle Pennington, Karen Giordano, Dalton Hamby (BCEMA).

Danon Smith called the meeting to order at 09:08am. Brandan Franklin was absent.

OPENING COMMENTS

Danon Smith gave opening remarks and welcomed all present both in person and virtually.

OLD BUSINESS

Danon Smith opened the meeting with Approval of Minutes from previous HMPC Full Body Meetings. The Minutes were dated January 13, 2022, and April 21, 2022

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Motion was made by Erik Cortinas and Seconded by Michelle Pennington.

Ayes: 11

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

Maintenance of the Regional Mitigation Plan:

Danon encouraged all present to continue to make note of events (weather, etc.) that may arise that would affect the current Plan and to add these items to their respective Community Action Plans now for maintenance purposes rather than waiting until the next Plan. Danon discussed the importance of Plan maintenance.

DR-4503 and DR-4563 Update:

Danon reported that both Grants are in FEMA review at this time and no official notice of determination or projected date has been given. Discussion was held concerning RFI's and how to address these if one is received on a project. Danon encouraged everyone to continue to go to the FEMA Grants Portal and look up individual projects for their jurisdictions as information can be put in at any time and encouraged everyone to reach out to AEMA Hazard Mitigation contacts with questions and reminded everyone that AEMA is awaiting these answers from FEMA as well.

Replacement of Executive Committee Members of HMPC:

Danon reminded everyone of the replacement of Executive Committee Members that were voted on in the April HMPC Full Body meeting. The newly elected positions were Ricky Rider (City of Foley) Vice Chairperson and Josh Newman (City of Daphne) Member-at-Large.

NEW BUSINESS

Danon introduced Vernon Dandridge as the new Planning and Grants Division Manager of BCEMA. Danon also posed the question of the possibility of electing Vernon as the HMPC Secretary as she currently holds this seat on the committee and she then replacing Zach Hood (Director – BCEMA) as Member-at-Large. Everyone present agreed that this was acceptable. This will be voted on at a later meeting.

Danon announced two new potential HMGP Grant opportunities – DR-4596 and DR-4632. Danon explained that these are Grants that were for specific severe weather events in other counties than our own, but they have been opened State-wide. Danon reminded everyone that if they had projects that had not been funded by previous Grants, they could submit an LOI for one or both Grant opportunities. Danon then explained the application and LOI process and encouraged everyone to take advantage of these quickly as the Master LOI is due in mid-August. **A special HMPC meeting was called for August 11th at 9:00am** to do Master LOI's, rank projects and submit to AEMA for review. It was agreed that an Agenda item would be submitted as soon as possible to the Baldwin County Commission for the Master LOI's for these Grants so that approval can be complete before the August deadline for Master LOI submission to AEMA.

Danon stated that she would place all information from today's meeting on the Hazard Mitigation Link of the BCEMA Webpage.

There were no further questions or comments from the Full Body.

The next regular Full Body Meeting date will be October 20, 2022, at 9:00am in the Upstairs Training Room of the BCEMA EOC.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Nicole Warner

Second: Josh Newman

Ayes: 11

No: 0


Abstain: 0

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Minutes for this meeting approved during the October 20, 2022, meeting of the Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.


Brandon Franklin, Chairperson - Baldwin County HMPC


Date